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TO: Honorable Sam Harless, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2498 by Leach (Relating to the consequences of a criminal conviction on a person's eligibility for an occupational license.), **As Introduced**

The volume and complexity of license revocation, denial, disqualification, and non-renewal cases stemming from applicants' criminal convictions is unknown. For this reason, the fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined.

The bill would require licensing authorities to notify applicants of potential disqualification due to criminal convictions. Licensing authorities would be required to maintain and report on application records. Licensing authorities would be required to ensure that sufficient evidence supports any denial or revocation. The bill would also establish waiting periods, automatic disqualifications for certain offenses, and sets deadlines for implementation and reporting, among other provisions.

According to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), requiring the agency to provide a preponderance of evidence that an offense is grounds for license revocation, denial, disqualification, or non-renewal would have a fiscal impact to the agency. However, impact cannot be determined as it is dependent on the volume and complexity of the relevant cases.

Several other agencies have indicated they would have to develop various procedures and comply with certain requirements of the bill, but this analysis assumes that these costs could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 313 Department of Information Resources, 329 Real Estate Commission, 405 Department of Public Safety, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation, 454 Department of Insurance, 456 Board of Plumbing Examiners, 457 Board of Public Accountancy, 459 Board of Architectural Examiners, 460 Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 476 Racing Commission, 503 Texas Medical Board, 504 Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, 507 Texas Board of Nursing, 510 Behavioral Health Executive Council, 515 Board of Pharmacy, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 578 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

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